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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ryuichi EBINUMA et al.

Application No.: 09/817,018 ✓

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: SUPPORTING STRUCTURE OF OPTICAL  
ELEMENT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS  
HAVING THE SAME, AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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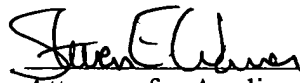
Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance and a Notice of Allowability dated November 14, 2003, in the above-identified application. Applicants filed a Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on September 22, 2003, prior to issuance of the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability on November 14, 2003. To date, those papers have not been indicated as being considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner consider the material submitted in the Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 22, 2003, by returning a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 form attached to that Information Disclosure Statement. Attached, for the Examiner's convenience, are copies of the Third Supplemental

Information Disclosure Statement, the PTO-1449 form, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamped postcard receipt indicating the filing of those papers on that date.

Applicants believe that no fees should be incurred in connection with filing this paper. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fees be associated herewith. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for this purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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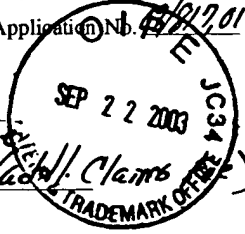
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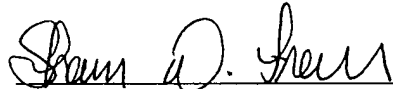
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Applicants requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith the requisite fee of \$180.00 for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in payment and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

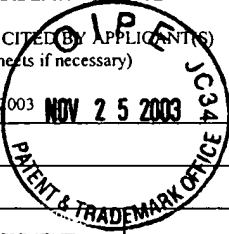
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		6,220,657	04/24/2001	Rea	296	220.01	
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